

## PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name in PART A on page 2 hereof.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC INFORMATION FILTERING USING URL HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE AND AUTOMATIC WORD WEIGHT LEARNING, the specification of which:

is attached hereto;

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information to the Patent and Trademark Office known to me to be material to the patentability of this application, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in PART B on page 2 hereof and have also identified in PART B on page 2 hereof any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed in PART C of page 2 hereof and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information to the Patent and Trademark Office known to me to be material to patentability of this application, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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## PART B: Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
P11-37525	Japan	16/February/1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
P11-201988	Japan	15/July/1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## PART C: Claim for Benefit of Filing Date of Earlier U.S. Application(s)

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